

78th Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2016 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Workforce and General Government

MEASURE: SB 1508
CARRIER: Sen. Rosenbaum

Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/04/16

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/04

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Rosenbaum, Thatcher

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases from two years to three years the term of appointment for members of the Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Steep learning curve on workers' compensation laws and regulations
- Members who have left MLAC suggested term longer than two years
- MLAC has not taken vote on measure yet, but proposal was developed by MLAC members

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Management-Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC) biennially reviews and make recommendations on the standards for evaluation of permanent disability and regarding permanent partial disability benefits. MLAC also advises the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services regarding proposed changes in programs funded by the Workers' Benefit Fund. The Director may recommend areas of law to be studied or MLAC itself will identify aspects of the law that require its consideration. MLAC is required to report to the Legislative Assembly findings and recommendations it considers appropriate.

The Governor appoints ten members, five of which are from organized labor and represent subject workers and five of which represent subject employers. The members are not compensated but are entitled to travel expenses. The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Senate. Members are appointed to serve two-year terms. Senate Bill 1508 lengthens the term to three years.